

**TOWN OF BELL  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
7:05 p.m.  
at the Bell Community Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Bill Sloan, Vicki Lewis-Hay, Mike O'Bryon, Matt Lazorik, , Lin Smith, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst were present.

-Minutes- V. Lewis Hay made a motion to approve the minutes and L. Smith 2nd the motion.  
Approved.

-Treasurer's Report –L. Smith made a motion to approve the reports and V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Local Road Improvement Program -Old Highway 13 Update  
Soon a request for bids will be put out for the project to turn Old Highway 13 into a first class gravel road.
2. Harbor Dredge Update  
The dredge is in progress. So far, there has 2000 yds of materials removed. A total of 12,000 yds will be removed.
3. Update on Highway 13 closure  
The project has begun. The town detour route seems to be working.
4. Sanitary District Land Exchange--discussion and possible consideration of a resolution on the transfer  
M. Lazorik has the legal description. A resolution will be done and posted.

**New Business:**

1. Liquor License Renewal Approvals–Ehlers Store, Star North, The Good Earth Outfitter, Little Niki's and O'Bryon's Village Inn  
M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the licenses, pending legal notices in the paper and L. Smith 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.
2. Discussion and possible decision to review Town of Bell Signs/Billboards Ordinance 97  
The Planning Commission voted not to change the Town of Bell Signs/Billboards Ordinance 97. Discussion was held. Many signs throughout town are not in compliance with the ordinance. B. Sloan made a motion to impose a moratorium on enforcement of the sign ordinance for the remainder of this calendar year; to form an ad hoc committee to review and make a recommendation to the Town board in regard to the ordinance; and any revisions must be adopted before the end of the year. New signs must be approved by the Town Board; applications can be made to the Town clerk  
M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.
3. Discussion and possible decision regarding review of Town of Bell Transient Merchant Ordinance No 12-04

Clarification is needed of the application of the ordinance. M. Lazorik made a motion to review the ordinance and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

4. Discussion and possible decision on location of CBA peek-a-boo sign on Town land  
The CBA would like to place it down by the lakefront. At the next town board meeting in July, they will let the board know when and where they want it.
5. Discussion and possible decision regarding highway signs for the Town cemeteries  
The Federal Hwy Commission has adopted a policy of no signs in the right of way on County Highways. Signs must be 33' off of the center of the road. Approval of property owners is necessary. The county will not take issue with existing signs. The possibilities for the placement of cemetery signs will be researched.
6. Marina Committee report on Marina winter electric bill--possible decision to accept proposal  
Marina electric bills have been very high at the marina this winter. There have been instances when Town utilities have been used for what are being considered as commercial enterprises. This has often been as a payment-in-kind for services rendered to the Town. In that regard, the Marina Committee has taken on the issue of electricity usage in the marina and makes this recommendation to the board:

"The marina committee discussed electricity concerns at the marina. We recommend to the board that all shop owners and businesses have their own power meters. We are trying to follow a business like model that keeps each business responsible for the electric usage they incur. Overhead power lines were also discussed. Due to safety and unsightliness of these lines, it is recommended that we explore the possibility of burying them. "

The power lines in question are those that run in front of the marina shops. They are sagging to a level that invites a serious accident. There are other electric grid issues in the marina. They will have a comprehensive look at the electric grid in the marina with the intent of improving safety, security and in putting the operation on a more business-like basis so that we know the true costs and benefits of the marina.

The high winter electric bills were due Halvorson's winter use of the electricity for their boat heaters and bubblers. M. Halvorson said that they will pay it.

7. Discussion and possible decision regarding a comprehensive assessment of the marina operations with the aim of putting it on a more business like basis.  
Discussion was held and a comprehensive assessment will be done to make the marina a more business like operation.
8. Town Board Recommendation for Class A County Permit –Kevin & Deborah Konechne  
The want to build a cabin on AG-1 land at 89890 E. Spirit Pt Rd. M. Lazorik made a motion for the town board to recommend approval of the permit and B. Sloan 2nd the motion. Unanimous approval.

#### Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- There were no calls for the fire department. No ambulance report.

The first Cornucopia Day Committee meeting was held.

Roads--value of ice caves to Bayfield economy-The crew is working on reshaping the roads.

They will be doing this the whole summer.

Planning Commission-No report

Harbor Committee-No Report

Marina-None

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-There will be no more meetings held until Sept.. The parking is being expanded by the lakefront. The break wall will be repaired after the dredge. The Museum will open on Thurs., June 13th, noon until four, through Labor Day.

Community Center-New tables are coming in.

Notice Board/Library-None

Recycling Center-It is getting busy. Everything is going well.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-Signs for the detour were put up. The WEDC will be meeting on Thurs, June 12th at the Village Inn.

Scenic Byways Committee-The next meeting will be in the Town of Bell Community Center on Mon., June 16th. All are welcome.

Bills were paid. At 8:20 p.m. M. Lazorik made a motion to adjourn the meeting and V. Lewis Hay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk